Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

August 26, 1941

Rev. Paul C. Payne, D. D.
General Secretary
Board of Christian Education
825 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Paul:

Your letter of the twentieth, asking us to convey to the members of the First Presbyterian Church, the Sheldon Jackson School and the Presbytery of Alaska the greetings of the Board of Christian Education on the dedication of the motorship Princeton-Hall on September 21st, was received. Dr. King has already left for Alaska and I will forward your letter to him. I know he will appreciate your thoughtfulness and will present the greetings of your Board as requested.

The motorship will not be completed at the time of the dedication but we hope to have it in commission sometime during the fall.

I enclose a copy of the dedication program. You will note that the Moderator of General Assembly is to be present. This is the first time, I believe, that a Moderator of General Assembly has ever visited Alaska and it is going to mean a great deal to our work there to have this visit from him.

Thanking you for your courtesy, and hoping that you have had a pleasant summer, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. Graham Wilson
General Secretary

EGW:McE
c.c. Dr. King

HAROLD G. LAINS
236 19TH AVE. N.E.
NORTH ST. PAUL, MINN.

8/28/41

To friends of the "Princeton-Hall"

Mrs. Lains & myself would greatly appreciate the opportunity to be present at the dedication ceremonies of the Motorship "Princeton Hall." Thanks very much for the invitation.

Having been on board of the former "Princeton," when visiting Ketchikan, and because we believe in the great service the new boat can render, we trust and pray that the "Princeton's" successor will be used to the utmost in the spread of the kingdom.

I have some fine pictures of the old ship; I hear someone is making others of the new vessel.

We regret our inability to be in Sitka on Sept twenty-first.

Greetings.

Mr & Mrs Harold G. Lains

Department of Missionary Support

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
District Office
77 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois

Central District
R. Marie Preston
Esther M. McRuer
Secretaries

August 29, 1941.

My dear Mr. Gaw:- The invitation to attend the dedication of the motorship Princeton - Hall came yesterday. How glad I am that Alaska is to have this new boat and how I wish I might be with you!

There are many friends of our Alaskan work who will be rejoicing with all of you and join us praying that boys and

girls, men and women may have that fuller life that Christ came to bring because you have this book.

My very best wishes for each & you and for the new year at Sheldon Jackson School.

Very sincerely,

R. Marie Preston.

Portland,Oregon,August 29,1941

Dedication Committee,
Motorship PRINCETON-HALL,
Sitka,Alaska. c/o Dr.Booth,
First Presbyterian Church.

Brethren:

With very genuine,even poignant,regret I must forego the pleasure of being present when the new motorship Princeton-Hall is dedicated. However,Mrs.Diven and I will be thinking about you who dedicate the craft. May great satisfaction swell the heart of every one of you,and may a greater service be the goal which shall lure the new boat out upon the rolling tides of that fascinating coast.

Yes,I could even wish for the new craft the gift the Captain of the old Alki insisted his ship possessed. Said he: "When she scents a rock or reef,she rears her bow in disgust and passes always on the deep-water side."

However that may be,I'm sure it will be too much to expect the PRINCETON-HALL always to refrain from inducing solemn, though far from silent,moments for presbyters who shall travel on her. The haggard look and the distressing bodily convulsions of certain beloved brethren will always haunt my unsympathetic memory,whenever I recall some of our voyages on the old ship of those by-gone days. Though wind and sea and motorship combined to cause certain brethren to repent their dietetic breakfast blunders,my inner man stubbornly remained serene;nor do I yet understand the strange devotion to ancient custom which can make a dignified clergyman betimes lean over the ship's rail and undignifiedly shout, "Y-o-r-i-c! Yoric-o-o-o-h!"

In loving remembrance of all whom I have known in the work up there,and with unfeigned affection and good will toward all the many new workers,I bid"God speed to the new Motorship PRINCETON-HALL!"

Very truly,

Robert Joseph Diven

Dr.Robert Joseph Diven,
3238 S.E.Woodward Street,
Portland,O r e g o n.

THE ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ABINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

THE MINISTER'S STUDY

September 2,
1941

Dear Mr. Webster:

There came to me this morning your gracious invitation to attend the dedication of the Motorship "Princeton-Hall" on September 21. I only wish that I could take wings and fly to Alaska for this occasion. As that is hardly possible, let me in this way extend to you my hearty congratulations and express the wish that the new Motorship will be greatly used in the service of our Lord.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert B. Lutz

Mr. Booth;
I judge that this gentleman must have looked up the name of the Sitka pastor in last year's minutes.
J. M. Webster
How did it feel to have both the Bishop and Archbishop on your hands at the same time?
Best regards — W.

Newark, California

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE
PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE

September 2, 1941.

First Presbyterian Church,
Sheldon Jackson School,
Presbytery of Alaska,
Board of National Missions,

Dear Friends,

It is with sincere regret that time and distance combine to make it impossible for me to accept your gracious invitation to be present at the didication of the PRINCETON-HALL.

I send you greetings from the Presbyterial Society of Syracuse and assure you that our prayers and interest will continue as your new boat goes into service. May God richly bless you.

Very sincerely,

Edith J. O. Brown —

Mrs John Hastie Brown,
President Syracuse Presbyterial Society.

133 Clifton Place,
Syracuse, N.Y.

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

September 2, 1941

Dr. Randolph regrets his inability to be present at the Dedication of the Motorship, PRINCETON-HALL, Sunday, September 21, 1941 at Sitka, Alaska. He wishes to extend his cordial greetings to all those who will be assembled for this occasion.

Rev. Eugene Bromley
Acting Chairman
Committee on National Missions
Presbytery of Alaska
Hoonah, Alaska

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOUIS H. EVANS, D.D., Minister

GOWER STREET AT CARLOS AVENUE HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

September 3, 1941

The First Presbyterian Church
Sitka, Alaska

I wish to take this opportunity to express the sincere good wishes of myself and the church for the service that I am sure the Princeton-Hall will render in those great northern waters. May God speed everyone who has anything to do with its helpful ministry.

Louis H. Evans

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1942 PRESBYTERIAL MEETING AT HANOVER

Dear Superintendent of
Sheldon Jackson:

Thank you for your part in the invitation to be present at the dedication of the "Princeton-Hall" on September 2/ & X.

Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be with you at that time. It would be a long anticipated treat to visit Alaska and a very great pleasure to meet and hear the Rev. H. B. Smith. Who is the brother of a school mate of mine at Western College for Women ~~at~~ Oxford, Ohio. She finished College in the class of '10 and I graduated in 1912.

On this occasion, which will be epochal

for you, may I extend in behalf of
Prospect Sunday School as well as myself
heartiest congratulations and the
best wishes of those of us who are
keenly interested in the welfare of
those whom the boat will serve.

Yours in the name of Jesus
We love and serve.
Grace E. King Knight.
[Mrs R. P.] Rockford Ill.,

Sept 3-'4,

1302 Baldwin Ave.

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Hereford, Texas
Sept. 4, 1941

The First Presbyterian Church
Sitka
Alaska

Dear Sirs:

The Amarillo Presbyterial Society wishes to thank you for the invitation to attend the Dedication of the Princeton-Hall. We extend to you ourheartiest congratulations on the completion of the boat. May it continue long in the service of the Christians in Alaska and do its part in bringing about the coming of His Kingdom on this earth.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. J. H. Olson

Mrs. John H. Olson
President

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NICOLLET AVENUE AT TWELFTH STREET
MINNEAPOLIS
ARNOLD HILMAR LOWE, MINISTER

September 4, 1941

Reverend Willis Booth
First Presbyterian Church
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Willis:

I was very happy to hear from you and happy to learn that the Princeton-Hall is ready to be launched. I have never been envious of anybody to my knowledge. I am now. I should very much like to be in the place of Herbert Booth Smith.

It might interest you to know that we have been thinking seriously of coming to Alaska for next summer. We have been talking about it for some time; and unless unforeseen circumstances interfere, we hope to carry out our plan.

I was in California this past summer and heard some very lovely things concerning your work in Alaska. I was very happy over it and very proud of it.

I hope that the dedication and launching services will bring much joy to you. Be sure to remember me to your wife and accept for yourself and for her the best wishes of every member of the family. We were greatly disappointed this past summer because Blanche could not be with us. We hope, however, that she will spend some time in our home this coming winter.

With affectionate regards to both of you, I am

Your friend

Arnold H. Lowe

Missionary Society and Service League

OF THE

Community Presbyterian Church

LA CRESCENTA, CALIFORNIA

Sept. 6, 1941

Mr. W. F. Yarr,
Athol, Alaska:

Dear Mr. Yarr:

The Missionary Society of the Community Presbyterian Church of La Crescenta delegated me to write you and to extend to you and your co-workers as well as the National Board of Missions our hearty congratulations upon the completion and dedication of the Evangelical Hall.

The different organizations

Missionary Society and Service League

OF THE

Community Presbyterian Church

LA CRESCENTA, CALIFORNIA

of the church, are pleased to have had the privilege of contributing toward the construction of this new unit.

We trust that it will prove many years of service to the Master in the advancement of His kingdom!

Sincerely,

(Mrs. T. R.) Lloyd Murchison

6952 Day Street

Tujunga, Calif.

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL
156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

SECRETARY OF UNITED PROMOTION
REV. ARTHUR H. LIMOUZE, D.D.

September 9, 1941.

Air Mail

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Yaw:

My best wishes on the occasion of the dedication of the "Princeton-Hall." May she weather all the storms and serve even more richly than the old Princeton the great work of Christ in Alaska. Here's hoping I may be a passenger on her some day.

Please extend my best wishes to all my Alaskan friends and to the missionaries and workers at Sheldon Jackson School.

Faithfully yours,

Arthur H. Limouze

Arthur H. Limouze,
Secretary of Promotion.

c

Nebraska, March.

Dr. [illegible] 1911

The First Presbyterian Church

Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sirs,-

Please convey my thanks to the members of your church, the Presbytery of Nebraska, etc. for the invitation to be present at the dedication of the Memorial Prayer Hall. I deeply regret being debarred to attend. Unavoidably we are a small entertainment in that connection during the week.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. J. Bryan

Pastor of Memorial Prayer Hall

227 South Vendome St.
Los Angeles.

My dear Mr. Yaw:

Sitka's great day is near when the Princeton Hall will be dedicated, and I am rejoicing with you all. We are so proud and happy that the ship could be built in Sitka: that seems to make it doubly our own.

I send warmest congratulations to all who have had any share in the new ship:- to those who gave the first gifts of money which stimulated other giving; to those whose vision brought about its construction in Sitka, instead of outside Alaska; to those who put good workmanship into it; to those who contributed equipment and furnishings; to all who watched with hope and rejoicing as chosen materials were fashioned into a beautiful ship for service.

We speak of the "mantle" of a noble man falling upon his successor: then I pray that the beautiful mantle of the old Princeton may fall upon the new Princeton Hall. May this new ship serve Alaska in such faithfulness, under such devoted direction, carrying such helpfulness and blessing as did the ship it supplanted. We surely shall be thinking of the dedication on September 21st.

Sept. 13.

Cordially yours,
Alice Clyne Thomas

2200 Gerber Avenue
Sacramento, California
September 15, 1941

To
The First Presbyterian Church,
Sheldon Jackson School,
Presbytery of Alaska, and
Board of National Missions,

Dear Friends:

I was both surprised and pleased to receive an invitation to the services of dedication of the motorship Princeton-Hall and wish it were possible for me to be present in person. However, I will be present in spirit, and share in the joy of the new service to be rendered through Princeton-Hall.

With apologies to Longfellow
I send the following:

Thou, too, sail on O Ship of Love,
Sail on with blessings from above;
Our earnest youth with all their fears,
With all the hope of future years,
Are waiting breathless for thy move.
We know what Master skerred
the thought
What urgent needs the motive brought
To hearts across our own fair land
To compensate the need's demand.
Fear not that former sudden shock,
Be it of wave and not of rock—
Be each brave voyage o'er the sea
From fear and dread disaster free.
May God's great all-embracing power
Guard o'er you every day and hour,
And hearts with joy and peace
be rife

As forth you bear each
human life.
Our hopes, our prayers are
all with thee —
are all with thee, are all with thee.

With all good wishes
Sincerely yours
(Mrs. E. E.) Ruth L. Biddall.

Sitka, Alaska
September 15, 1941
AIR MAIL

Mr. Paul C. Payne
Board of Christian Education
925 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brother Paul:

Your word of congratulation has been received, and we shall convey your personal message to the group here, Sunday, September 21. It was fine of you to take the time to send us this word.

Cordially yours,

Everett B. King

EBK:kh
cc: E. Graham Wilson

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PAUL CALVIN PAYNE, GENERAL SECRETARY

OFFICE OF THE
GENERAL SECRETARY

825 WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

August 20, 1941

The Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Friends:

How I wish it were possible to attend the dedication of the Motorship PRINCETON-HALL on Sunday, September 21, at Sitka, Alaska! Please convey to the members of the First Presbyterian Church, the Sheldon Jackson School, and the Presbytery of Alaska, the greetings of the Board of Christian Education on this important and happy occasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Paul C. Payne

Paul C. Payne

PCP:McD

First Presbyterian Church

Sitka, Alaska

Willis R. Booth
Minister

Roland B. Wurster
Clerk of Session

September 15, 1941

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

The cost of the invitations for the dedication of the Motorship PRINCETON-HALL is as follows:

3000 Cards	$ 7.16
3000 Envelops	11.39
Carrying charges on above	.95
Postage on sending out above	16.99
Total	$ 36.49

The printing was done in the shop of the Sheldon Jackson School. The postage cost was given to me from the Princeton*Hall Fund by Mr. Leslie Yaw.

Cordially yours,

Willis R. Booth.

ALASKA

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

September 15, 1941

Rev. Everett B. King, D.D.
Sitka
Alaska

Dear Everett:

Christian Greetings to you and the people of Alaska today on the historic occasion when you dedicate "The Princeton-Hall Mission Boat."

This happy occasion furnishes a new chapter in the missionary history of Alaska.

My sincere prayer is that the Princeton-Hall may be used as a conveyance of the healing Gospel of Christ to many of our people thru the years.

With affectionate greetings,

A. B. Keeler

A. B. Keeler, Secretary
Building Aid Funds

ABK:K

The First Presbyterian Church

REV. D. E. COX, MINISTER

Anadarko, Oklahoma

September 16, 1941
Anadarko, Okla.

The Julia Society of the First Presbyterian Church sends greetings to the Julia Society of the Presbyterian Church of Sitka, Alaska.

We congratulate you on your good fortune in obtaining the Watership Princeton Hall, and wish we could be there to do it in person.

May I aid you well in your service of the Master.

Very cordially yours,
Gala White
Secretary

President
Margaret Ann Selke

JACKSON L. WEBSTER, Pastor
Telephone Newark 2031

2381 Thornton Avenue
Newark, California

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Sept. 17, 1941

Mr. Leslie Yaw
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Mr. Yaw,

I may not be quoting the psalm accurately, but I am sure that I am expressing the wish in many a Presbyterian heart when I say

> O that I had wings like a duck!
> Then would I fly away to Sitka
> And help to dedicate the Princeton-Hall.

Having spent many weeks working and travelling on the old Princeton, I can only say for the new boat that I hope she will be even finer as a traveller and a dwelling place. My prayer is that God will use her for a long and blessed ministry among His islands.

Sincerely,

Jackson L. Webster

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ALASKA SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION TRIO

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September 23, 1941

Miss Edna R. Voss
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

Your telegram of the 19th was deeply appreciated. It is impossible to see or to measure the accomplishments for the glory of Christ's Kingdom accruing from all the wonderful services held the last week here in Sitka in connection with the dedication of the Princeton-Hall. My impressions are that the entire project, climaxed by the visit of the Moderator of our General Assembly, has been and will continue to be one of themendous value, not only to our individual churches here in Alaska, but to the missionary program in our mother church as well. We are deeply grateful for the privilege which has been ours and for the efforts of Dr. King in clearing the way for the construction of the Princeton-Hall here in Alaska, also for his success in bringing Dr. Herbert Booth Smith to our school.

Today the wonderful messages of Dr. King and those of Dr. Smith remain precious in memory. I shall never forget them. An especially fitting ending for those who traveled away to their homes aboard the SJS was a little gathering on the stern of the boat just before she pulled away from the float. At the suggestion of Dr. King our new boat missionary, Rev. Paul Prouty, called us all to attention and there with bowed heads we received a final word of blessing from Dr. Smith. A short time later the airplane took Dr. Smith and Dr. King away on their little journey.

We regret the circumstances which have delayed the construction of the Princeton-Hall, but now we are vigorously at work with the final problems our hearts are happy - more happy than ever. May the Princeton-Hall long serve the needs of our Church and Christ here in Southeastern Alaska.

Very truly yours

Leslie Yaw
Superintendent

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EMMA JESSIE OGG

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DR E B KING

23-21 SITKA

WE EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND ALL OF YOUR ASSOCIATES AS WELL AS THE BOYS OF SITKA SCHOOL UPON THE COMPLETION OF PRINCETON HALL BOAT MAY WE SHARE WITH ALL OF YOU THE REALIZATION OF SUCH A FINE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALASKAN PEOPLE WISH WE WERE WITH YOU AT THE DEDICATION

MOTHER AND JAY AXTELL

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CONGRATULATIONS AND GODS BLESSINGS SON DEDICATION PRINCETONHALL FROM HEMPHIL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN APPRECIATION OF REV EVERETT B KING AND IN MEMORY OF GEORGIA LANTZ JR

HEMPHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DR EVERETT B KING

1 - 21 CARE LESLIE YAW SITKA

GOD IN HIS GRACE BROUGHT THE CONSUMMATION OF YOUR WORK
OF PREPARING FOR HIS HONOR THE PRINCETON HALL MAY HE
NOW PROMISE ITS USEFULLNESS AND BLESS ITS SERVICE FOR MANY
YEARS TO COME STOP MAY HE ACCEPT THE SERVICE OF
ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED OF THEIR SUBSTANCE TO BUILDING THIS SHIP

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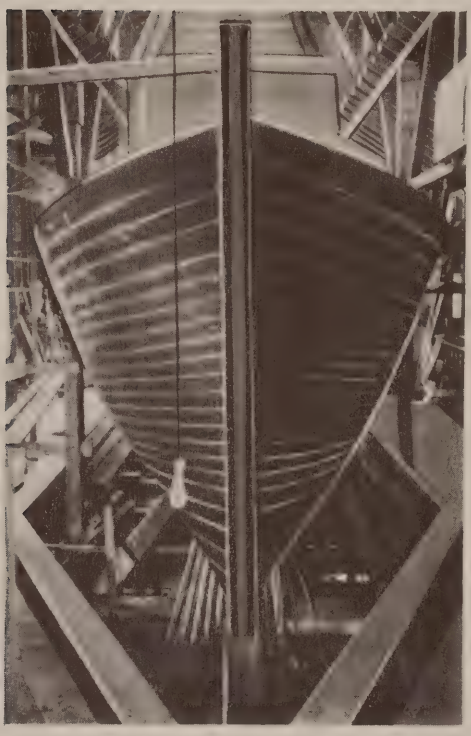
DEDICATORY SERVICES

for

The Princeton-Hall Missionary Boat

Sitka, Alaska

Sunday, September 21, 1941



BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
156 Fifth Avenue, New York

A NEW MOTORSHIP has been a necessity with increasing emphasis since the unfortunate night in October, 1939, when the *Princeton* was dashed upon the rocks and lost. Untiring efforts, together with insurance money and gifts from friends, have brought into reality a fine new ship. The *Princeton-Hall* is of the single screw Diesel-powered type, having a length of 64′-11″, a beam of 15′-6″, and a depth amidships of 7′-7″. The vessel has a raised forward deck with a pilot house thereon, a deck house on the main deck amidships, which is to be used as a chapel, and a trunk cabin aft, raking stem, and rounded transom stern. Four watertight bulkheads divide the vessel into five compartments: a fore peak, a forward cabin, an engine room, an after cabin housing the galley, dining room, and berths, and a lazarette.

At its meeting October 31 to November 1, 1940, the Board of National Missions approved the construction of the ship in Alaska under the supervision of Sheldon Jackson School of which Mr. W. Leslie Yaw is superintendent. Mr. Andrew Hope, an Indian shipbuilder and an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, working on plans and specifications drawn by Mr. Harold Lee, naval architect, of Seattle, has made full use of Indian helpers and the cooperation of the Sheldon Jackson School. When the hull was nearing completion, Mr. W. Laurence Freeburn, inspector for Insurance Underwriters reported, "Mr. Hope is doing a very good job on the hull. Workmanship is very good. All joints, butts, and fastenings are excellent. The frames are well bent and all planks are well seated to the frames." The valuable experience and ability of the Rev. Verne J. Swanson, who from 1930 to May, 1939, was the skipper on the *Princeton,* has gone into the mechanical installation.

With the dedication of the *Princeton-Hall* this vessel of beauty will go into service under the direction of the Rev. Paul Prouty, skipper, who for many years was a Sunday school missionary in the Synod of Montana and formerly saw service in the United States Navy, being at the time of his discharge chief electrician on the *Tennessee.* The ship will be kept busy visiting the fields served by our lay workers, assisting them in the ministration of the sacraments, visiting such isolated points as the canneries, troller centers, fox ranches, mines, lighthouse attendants, and taking to them the service of a gospel team and vacation church school. Occasionally her mission will be of distinct mercy in transporting patients to hospitals and medical centers. As a means of transportation, she will render a distinct service to the students of Sheldon Jackson School and Haines House; also in the transfer of workers from field to field, in the conveying of delegates to and from meetings of presbytery, and in making possible an increasing attendance of young people at summer conferences.

WILLIAM WALLACE HALL

Born July 21, 1866, Titus County, Texas. United with the Presbyterian church at the age of 15. Married to Sarah Fort, May 26, 1887. Charter member of the Presbyterian Church, Winters, Texas. Served as ruling elder until his death April 29, 1940.

(A gift from Mr. and Mrs. Gaines E. Hall of Midland, Texas, made the boat possible. Hence the name "Princeton-Hall.")

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.

Rev. Willis R. Booth, *Presiding*
First Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Romance" Kern
Mrs. C. G. Stuart, *Organist*

CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" No. 57

INVOCATION—LORD'S PRAYER—GLORIA

SCRIPTURE LESSON

HYMN: "Praise the Lord; Ye Heavens, Adore Him" No. 10

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE: "O Thou Who Hearest Every Heartfelt Prayer" No. 21

OFFERING—DEDICATORY PRAYER

ANTHEM: "Holy Art Thou" Handel

DOXOLOGY

SERMON: Rev. Herbert Booth Smith, D.D., *Moderator of the General Assembly*

PRAYER

THE COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Hymn: "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" No. 356

Scripture

Prayer of Consecration

Ministry of Bread: Rev. Everett B. King, D.D.

Ministry of Cup: Rev. Herbert Booth Smith, D.D.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" No. 65

BENEDICTION

CHOIR RESPONSE

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "March" Hill

PRINCETON-HALL DEDICATORY SERVICE

2:30 p.m.

REV. EVERETT B. KING, D.D., *Presiding*

PROCESSION TO DOCK:

(*Procession to form at First Presbyterian Church and march to Howard Brothers Boat Shop.*)

CALL TO WORSHIP: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised . . .
Honour and majesty are before him:
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

INVOCATION: REV. WILLIS R. BOOTH

HYMN: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE:

MINISTER: By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

PEOPLE: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker

MINISTER: Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

PEOPLE: They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

MINISTER: Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

PEOPLE: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

MINISTER: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

PEOPLE: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

PRAYER: REV. PAUL WHITESIDE

SHORT TALKS: MR. GAINES E. HALL, *Benefactor*
MR. ANDREW HOPE, *Builder*
REV. VERNE J. SWANSON, *Mechanical installation*
MR. W. LESLIE YAW, *Supervision*
REV. PAUL PROUTY, *Captain and missionary*

HYMN: "O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling"

ADDRESS: REV. HERBERT BOOTH SMITH, D.D., *Moderator of the General Assembly*

DEDICATORY RESPONSE:

MINISTER: To the glory of God, author of all goodness and beauty, giver of all skill of mind and hand,

PEOPLE: WE DEDICATE THIS SHIP.

MINISTER: In faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, who has inspired and enjoined men to be his coworkers in the Kingdom of God,

PEOPLE: WE DEDICATE THIS SHIP.

MINISTER: Moved by the Holy Spirit, our guide and teacher in understanding the truth of God,

PEOPLE: WE DEDICATE THIS SHIP.

MINISTER: To the daily ministry of the Word of God through worship, teaching, and the sacraments,

PEOPLE: WE DEDICATE THIS SHIP.

MINISTER: To the service of mankind in Alaska, through mercy, comfort, and love,

PEOPLE: WE DEDICATE THIS SHIP.

DEDICATORY PRAYER: REV. HERBERT BOOTH SMITH, D.D.

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

EVENING WORSHIP

8:00 p.m.

REV. WILLIS R. BOOTH, *Presiding*

First Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Cathedral Meditation" La Mare
Mrs. C. G. Stuart, *Organist*

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN: "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord" No. 76

PRAYER

HYMN: "O That Will Be Glory" No. 212

HYMN: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" No. 141

SCRIPTURE LESSON

SOLO

PRAYER

SERMON: REV. EVERETT B. KING, D.D., *Secretary for Alaskan Work, Board of National Missions*

PRAYER

INVITATION HYMN: "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" No. 259

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE:
"Saviour Again to thy Dear Name We Raise" Ellers

Friends Who Have Contributed to the *Princeton-Hall*

Alaska Presbyterial Society
Rev. Martin E. Anderson, Denver, Colorado
Angoon Church, Angoon, Alaska
Mrs. Mattie Axtell, Fort Worth, Texas
Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Baker, Blackduck, Minnesota
Mr. Robert Baker, Blackduck, Minesota
Rev. J. David Bechtel, Alamosa, Colorado
Rev. John T. Bergen, Minneapolis, Minnesota
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Miss Nan J. Black, Waterloo, Iowa
Dr. Tom Bond, Fort Worth, Texas
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Rev. Robert A. Brown, Jr., Trinidad, Colorado
Rev. James Burchfield, Florence, Colorado
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Chapel-by-the-Lake, Juneau, Alaska
Rev. and Mrs. Merlyn A. Chappell, New York, N. Y.
Children of New Albany Presbytery, Indiana
Christian Endeavor Societies of:
  Central Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
  First Church, Eureka, California
  Millard Avenue Church, Portland, Oregon
  Mt. Baker Church, Concrete, Washington
Mr. George Collins, Wrangell, Alaska
Miss Lucia E. Danforth, Santa Ana, California
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Rev. Hugh T. Dobbins, Berkeley, California
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Miss Antonie Ebmeyer, Seattle, Washington
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Rev. Stanley Evans, Basin, Wyoming
Rev. Lane C. Findley, La Jara, Colorado
First Church, Burbank, California
First Church, Denison, Texas
First Church, Greybull, Wyoming
First Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
First Grade Girls, South Park Church, Rock Island, Illinois
France Memorial Church, Rawlins, Wyoming
Miss Lois H. Fraser, Towaoc, Colorado
Mrs. Frank R. Fursey, Spokane, Washington
Mr. W. M. Fraser, Victor, Colorado
Rev. LeRoy Gemmell, Salida, Colorado
Mr. and Mrs. Don C. George, Los Angeles, California
Mr. and Mrs. Paddy Goenet, Alaska
Georgetown Church, Georgetown, Colorado
Rev. James H. Gramps, Palisade, Colorado
Miss Elizabeth Gruner, Long Beach, California
Haines House, Haines, Alaska
Mr. and Mrs. Gaines E. Hall, Midland, Texas
Rev. C. W. Halsey, La Junta, Colorado
Rev. Howard E. Hansen, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Rev. Jason T. Harbert, Las Animas, Colorado
Rev. Rudolph J. Hasstedt, Ignacio, Colorado
Hydaburg Church, Hydaburg, Alaska
Idaho Springs Church, Idaho Springs, Colorado
Intermediate Society, First Church, Reece, Kansas
Intermediate Young People, First Church, Lebanon, Ohio
Miss Louise Joseph, Wrangell, Alaska
Junior Christian Endeavor Society, Westfield Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Junior Department, First Church, Baraboo, Wisconsin
Rev. Archibald J. Kearns, Rocky Ford, Colorado
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kelly, Wrangell, Alaska
Mr. Edward Klein, Holly, Colorado
Ladye Bryce Childress Guild, Terrell, Texas
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lains, St. Paul, Minnesota
Mr. George Lantz, Jr., Fort Worth, Texas
Rev. Martin L. Lathan, Penrose, Colorado
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Rev. Howard L. Manning, Durango, Colorado
Mr. and Mrs. John Mark, Alaska
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Rev. Dennis Mason, Glenwood, Colorado
Rev. George F. McDougall, Trinidad, Colorado
Rev. John S. Meeker, Del Norte, Colorado
Metlakatla Church, Metlakatla, Alaska
Miss Virginia Miller, Glendale, California
Mission Circle, Lexington Church, Lexington, Illinois
Mission Study Group, Dennison, Ohio
Miss Mary S. Morning, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Myers Clinic, Kansas City, Missouri
Rev. Frederick Nichol, Durango, Colorado
Miss Frances Nielson, Glendale, California
Rev. Albert A. Panhorst, Pueblo, Colorado
Miss Flora Park, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Petersburg Church, Petersburg, Alaska
Miss Elise R. Pippereit, Ganado, Arizona
Presbyteries of Bismarck and Oakes, North Dakota
Presbyteries of Fargo, Minot, and Minnewaukan, North Dakota
Presbytery of Pembina, North Dakota
Primary Departments of:
  East Jordan Church, East Jordan, Michigan
  First Church, Niles, Michigan
  Sixth Avenue Church, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. David P. Ramey, Crowley, Colorado
Rev. Victor Sandoval, Walsenburg, Colorado
Mr. Stanley Scoot, Monument, Colorado
Rev. Fred O. Seamans, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Sheldon Jackson School, Sitka, Alaska: Cooperative Store, Helpers Sunday School Class, Junior Class, Messiah Offering, Older Girls, Senior Class
Slickville Church, Slickville, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Lillus Smith, Rifle, Colorado
Mrs. Harlan B. Stacy, Santa Cruz, California
Sunday Schools of:
  Central Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
  Central Church, Waco, Texas
  Community Church, Umatilla, Oregon
  Fifth Avenue Church, New York, N.Y.
  First Church, Seattle, Washington
  First Church, Sitka, Alaska
  First Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
  Haines Church, Haines, Alaska
  Hydaburg Church, Hydaburg, Alaska
  Katonah Church, Katonah, N.Y.
  La Crescenta Church, La Crescenta, California
  Madison Avenue Church, New York, N.Y.
  Morristown Church, Morristown, N.J.
  Second Church, Kansas City, Missouri
  Western Church, Palmyra, N.Y.
  Westminster Church, Rochester, N.Y.
Synods of New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Washington
Rev. Clare E. Tallman, Monte Vista, Colorado
Mr. and Mrs. William Tamaree, Wrangell, Alaska
Rev. H. L. Taylor, Loma, Colorado
Rev. Arthur H. Textor, Readville, Colorado
Third Avenue Church, Corsicana, Texas
Tuxis Society, Boone Church, Boone, Iowa
Twentieth Century Class, First Church, Carthage, Missouri
Vacation Church Schools of:
  Birmingham, Iowa
  Faith Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Rev. Victoriano Valdez, San Pablo, Colorado
Rev. Ralph A. Waggoner, Sedalia, Missouri
Mr. C. C. Webster, La Veta, Colorado
Rev. R. Curtis Westfall, Lamar, Colorado
Westminster Auxiliary, Westminster Church, Devils Lake, North Dakota
Westminster Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Westminster Church, Rochester, N.Y.
Westminster Guild, Bethany Church, Flint, Michigan
Mrs. Horace Wilson, Fort Worth, Texas
Women's Missionary Societies of:
  Baker Church, Baker, Oregon
  Calvary Church, Long Beach, California
  Central Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas
  Haines Church, Haines, Alaska
  Klukwan Church, Klukwan, Alaska
  Monrovia Church, Monrovia, California
  Olivet Church, Danville, Illinois
Rev. Charles J. Wood, Pueblo, Colorado
Mrs. Lyda C. Wood, Bayfield, Colorado
Miss Q. Wylie, Glendale, California
Young People's Society, Fifth Avenue Church, New York, N.Y.
Young People's Summer Conference, Alaska

and Others

September 21, 1941

Rev. Louis H. Evans, D. D.
First Presbyterian Church
Tower Street at Carlos Avenue
Hollywood, California

Dear Dr. Evans:

Thank you for your good letter of September 3rd expressing your good wishes for the PRINCETON-HALL. We sincerely wish you could have been with us for the dedication.

Dr. Herbert Booth Smith, Moderator of the General Assembly, was most inspiring in both his messages and presence. I am sending you a copy of the program.

We in Alaska crave your continued interest and prayers as the PRINCETON-HALL in her ministry carries forward the Kingdom of our Christ.

Cordially yours,

Willis R. Booth.

September 23, 1941

Miss Emma Jessie Ogg

145 Hicks Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Miss Ogg:

We were happy indeed to receive your recent telegram and to know of your rejoicing with us in the building and dedication of our new ship, the PRINCETON-HALL. September 21st, 1941, will long be remembered, especially among all of us who were privileged to be present at the impressive dedicatory service, at which the principal address was made by our beloved Dr. Herbert Booth Smith. He is surely a great Christian heart, and we loved every one of his wonderful messages to us. I have faith that as Dr. Smith left us he felt his sacrifice in making the strenuous trip to Alaska was worth while. Surely we deeply appreciated it.

We are enclosing a program of the dedication services.

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With warmest personal regards and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours

Leslie Yaw
Superintendent

LY:h

September 23, 1941

Mrs. E. I. Biddall
2200 Gerber Avenue
Sacramento, California

Dear Mrs. Biddall:

The Missionary motorship PRINCETON-HALL was dedicated on September 21 and it is a deep regret to us that all our friends could not be present. The Moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. Herbert Booth Smith, was most inspiring in his messages and presence.

Thank you for your letter of September 15. It was read in one of the services and all of us realized you were present in your prayers and interest.

I am sending you a copy of the program which you will be pleased to share with your friends.

May God richly bless you in your service to His Kingdom.

Cordially yours,

Willis R. Booth.

September 23, 1941

Rev. Arnold H. Lowe, D. D.
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Dr. Lowe:

Your letter brought added joy to us as it was received just before the occasion of the dedication of the motorship PRINCETON-HALL. We,too, wish you could have been with us on this joyous occasion.

Dr. Herbert Booth Smith, Moderator of the General Assembly, was here and his messages were most inspiring. On Saturday night he spoke at a dinner in his honor in the dining room of Sheldon Jackson School, and then on Sunday, he preached at the morning and evening services in the Church. Sunday afternoon, he delivered the dedicatory address in the service at the boat shop. I am enclosing a copy of the program.

Unfortunately, the condition of the times has caused delays in the receipt of materials so that we were unable to launch the ship at this time. It will probably be sixty days before she will be ready for launching and commissioning.

You have given us something to which we may look forward in the prospect of your visit to Alaska next summer. We sincerely hope your plans will not be frustrated. We also hope you will plan to spend at least a week with us which may be arranged by taking a boat belonging to the same Company a week later. This will enable you to really see the things you should see.

Isabel and Mrs. Cassell are both well. At present, Isabel is helping at the U. S. Public School until the new teachers arrive. This is the school for native Indian children. She is teaching the fourth through the seventh grades and has her hands full.

We hear frequently from Blanche and know how greatly you are missed in St. Louis. It will do Blanche a great good to spend some time with you this winter. We wish we could induce her to come to Alaska for a good long visit.

Alaska is a great and needy place and we covet your prayers and continued interest in the work of the Kingdom here.

With warmest regards to you and your family, I am

Yours,

Willis R. Booth.

September 25, 1941

Mrs. John H. Olson, President
Amarillo Presbyterial Society
Hereford, Texas

Dear Mrs. Olson:

In behalf of all of us who have had to do with the building and dedication of the motorship PRINCETON-HALL I thank you for your letter of September 4, and while it was not possible for you to come to Sitka for the occasion, we appreciate your prayers and interest.

Dr. Herbert Booth Smith, Moderator of the General Assembly, was most inspiring in his messages and presence. I am sending you a copy of the program.

May God richly bless you in your sharing in the work of His Kingdom here in Alaska.

Cordially yours,

Willis R. Booth.

September 23, 1941

Miss Barbara Ball, Secretary
Young People's Christian Endeavour Society
Presbyterian Church
Pesment, Illinois

Dear Miss Ball:

I thank you for the interest, prayers, and share the Young People of your Church have had invested in the motorship PHILEMON-MAIL. She was dedicated on September 21, and may I say to you with emphasis, the messages and presence of Dr. Herbert Booth Smith, Moderator of the General Assembly were most inspiring. We wish every one of your young people could have been present too.

As time goes on, it will be a great comfort to us in Alaska to know that you are continually holding this great work up before our Father in Heaven.

You will be interested in the copy of the program I am sending you.

Cordially yours,

Willis N. Booth,

The Young People Christian Endeavor Society of the Bement Presbyterian Church of Bement, Illinois sends their congradulations upon the completion of the Motorship - "Princeton-Hall" and wish her many prosperous years of Ministry of the Gospel.

Truly yours,
Barbara Ball
Sec. of Y.P.C.E.

September 23, 1941

Mrs. David M. Thomas
227 South Vendome Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Thomas:

We were happy indeed to receive your recent letter and to know of your rejoicing with us in the building and dedication of our new ship, the PRINCETON-HALL. September 21st, 1941, will long be remembered, especially among all of us who were privileged to be present at the impressive dedicatory service, at which the principal address was made by our beloved Dr. Herbert Booth Smith. He is surely a great Christian heart, and we loved every one of his wonderful messages to us. I have faith that as Dr. Smith left us he felt his sacrifice in making the strenuous trip to Alaska was worth while. Surely we deeply appreciated it.

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With warmest personal regards and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours

Leslie Yaw
Superintendent

LY:h

September 23, 1941

Mrs. B. J. Knight
1302 Boilvin Avenue
Rockford, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Knight:

We were happy indeed to receive your recent letter and to know that the Freeport Presbyterial as well as you are rejoicing with us in the building and dedication of our new ship, the PRINCETON-HALL. September 21st, 1941, will long be remembered, especially among all of us who were privileged to be present at the impressive dedicatory service, at which the principal address was made by our beloved Dr. Herbert Booth Smith. He is surely a great Christian heart, and we loved every one of his wonderful messages to us. I have faith that as Dr. Smith left us he felt his sacrifice in making the strenuous trip to Alaska was worth while. Surely we deeply appreciated it.

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Very truly yours

Leslie Yaw
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September 23, 1941

Mrs. John Hastie Brown
133 Clifton Place
Syracuse, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Brown:

We were happy indeed to receive your recent letter and to know that the Presbyterial Society of Syracuse is rejoicing with us in the building and dedication of our new ship, the PRINCETON-HALL. September 21st, 1941, will long be remembered, especially among all of us who were privileged to be present at the impressive dedicatory service, at which the principal address was made by our beloved Dr. Herbert Booth Smith. He is surely a great Christian heart, and we loved every one of his wonderful messages to us. I have faith that as Dr. Smith left us he felt his sacrifice in making the strenuous trip to Alaska was worth while. Surely we deeply appreciated it.

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September 23, 1941

Miss R. Marie Preston
Board of National Missions
77 West Washington St.
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Miss Preston:

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Leslie Yaw
Superintendent

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September 23, 1941

Mrs. T. R. Murchison
6952 Day Street
Tujunga, Calif.

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With warmest personal regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours

Leslie Yaw
Superintendent

LY:h

September 23, 1941

Dr. Arthur H. Limouze
Office of the General Council
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Limouze:

We were happy indeed to receive your recent letter and to know of your rejoicing with us in the building and dedication of our new ship, the PRINCETON-HALL. We are hoping with you that you may be a passenger on her some day. September 21st, 1941, will long be remembered, especially among all of us who were privileged to be present at the impressive dedicatory service, at which the principal address was made by our beloved Dr. Herbert Booth Smith. He is surely a great Christian heart, and we loved every one of his wonderful messages to us. I have faith that as Dr. Smith left us he felt his sacrifice in making the strenuous trip to Alaska was worth while. Surely we deeply appreciated it.

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Very sincerely yours

Leslie Yaw
Superintendent

LY:h

September 23, 1941

Rev. Robert Jasper Diven, D. D.
3230 S. E. Woodward Street
Portland, Oregon

My dear Dr. Diven:

The dedication of the motorship PRINCETON-[illegible] was a grand occasion and I deeply regret you were not able to be present. I greatly appreciate your letter and want you to know it was read first to the session of this Church and then in the services attending the dedication. Every one present would like for you to have been here in person, but as that was not possible, we want you to know we appreciate your prayers and interest.

Dr. Herbert Booth Smith, the Moderator of the General Assembly, as here and made us all feel very proud we are Presbyterians. His messages were most inspiring and stirred all who heard him to a greater interest and enthusiasm for the work of the Kingdom.

Unfortunate delays in receiving the necessary materials have stood in the way of the completion of the ship. She will likely not be launched for about two months.

Presbytery met on Saturday. The "J.J." made the trip via Ketchikan and [illegible] and gathered up the members with their wives and friends. You will be interested to know Mr. and Mrs. Tamaree from Wrangell were here. They are very consecrated people and still much interested in the progress of the Kingdom in Alaska.

I am send you a copy of the program.

May God richly bless you and Mrs. Diven in all good things.

Cordially yours,

Willis R. Booth.

September 23, 1941

Mrs. J. P. Mooney, President
Wenatchee Presbyterial
Roslyn, Washington

Dear Mrs. Mooney:

We wish very much you could have been present at the dedication of the PRINCETON-HALL Motorship. It was a delightful occasion and every one thrilled at the presence of the Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. Dr. Herbert Booth Smith. His messages were very timely and inspired all present to a greater enthusiasm for the Kingdom of our Christ.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the program.

Please accept our gratitude for the contribution of one dollar you sent. It is being forwarded to the Treasurer of the Board of National Missions from whom you will receive a receipt.

As the PRINCETON-HALL sails the waters of Alaska you with a host of others will know she is your personal representative in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we are sure your prayers will continue to implore the blessings of God upon her ministry.

May the grace of our Lord greatly abound with you in all your activities for His glory.

Cordially yours,

Willis R. Booth.

September 23, 1941

Miss Gala Wilhite, Secretary
Tuxis Society
First Presbyterian Church
Anadarko, Oklahoma

Dear Miss Wilhite:

The Christian Masters Young People's Society of this Church accepts with gratitude the greetings of your Tuxis Society.

The motorship PANCHITO-HALL was dedicated last Sunday and needless to say everyone thrilled with the messages and presence of Dr. Herbert Booth Smith, Moderator of the General Assembly. It was a grand occasion.

Now as we look forward we crave the continuance of your prayers for the ministry of this ship. I am happy to send you a copy of the program of dedication.

Cordially yours,

Willis R. Booth.

September 25, 1941

Rev. J. L. Webster
2381 Thornton Avenue
Newark, Calif.

Dear Mr. Webster:

Thank you a lot for your letters of September 17th to me and to Presbytery. The one was read in the Presbytery meeting, where it was appreciatively received, and you may be sure that I was happy to get your personal letter. Having lived here with us so long you have been able to see the situation accurately.

We have been coming through a most happy, joyous occasion for our school, our local church, our Presbytery, and our great mother Church. Dr. King accomplished a very wonderful thing when he successfully developed the plan to bring the Moderator of our General Assembly to Alaska.

S. J. S. is full up. I think we have a grand group of youngsters and a fine staff, so we are going forward with high hopes into the present school year. With very best wishes from all of us,

Very sincerely yours

Leslie Yerr
Superintendent

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First Presbyterian Church

Sitka, Alaska

Willis R. Booth
Minister

Roland B. Wurster
Clerk of Session

September 25, 1941

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

Enclosed you will find the messages sent here upon the occasion of the dedication of the motorship PRINCETON-HALL. Copies of the acknowledgements are attached.

Mother and Jay Axtell
Hemphill Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas
Fred Klerekoper, Point Barrow, Alaska
E. Graham Wilson, New York
Alaska Sunday School Mission Trio, New York
Mrs. J. P. Mooney, Pres. Wenatchee Presbyterial Society
Tuxis Society, First Presbyterian Church, Anadarko, Okla.
Robert Joseph Diven, Portland Oregon
Young People's Society, Bement, Illinois, Miss Barbara Ball
Louis H. Evans, First Church, Hollywood, California
Mrs. John H. Olson, Pres. Amarillo Presbyterian Society, Hereford, Tex.
Mrs. E. E. Biddall, Sacramento, California
Dr. Randolph, New York
Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Lains, North St. Paul, Minn.
A. B. Keeler, New York, N. Y.
Arnold H. Lowe, Minneapolis, Minn.
Edna Voss, New York
Paul C. Payne, Philadelphia, Pa.
Alice Clyne Thomas, Los Angeles, California
Emma Jessie Ogg, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Arthur H. Limouze, New York
Mrs. T. H. Murchison, Tugunga, California
R. Marie Preston, Chicago, Illinois
Mrs. John Hastie Brown, Pres. Syracuse Presbyterial Society,
Mrs. B. J. Knight, Rockford, Illinois.

May I call attention to the contribution of Mrs. J. P. Mooney of one dollar which is attached to her letter, and which the Treasurer will want to receipt.

Cordially yours,

Willis

Willis R. Booth.

Sheldon Jackson School
SITKA, ALASKA
Conducted by
The Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church *in the* U. S. A.

Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

9/26/41

Dear Everett:

This letter of Jack Webster's should have been sent with with those Willis Booth sent in.

The SJS arrived back in her home port this morning. We had to charter another boat to hold our log contract, but the SJS is going out to-night to help the tow in to Sitka.

We have been wondering about your trip and hope for a card again soon.

With everlasting gratitude for bringing Dr. Smith and Connie yourself. Sincerely

Les

October 1, 1941

Rev. Mr. Willis H. Booth
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Willis:

Arriving home I found your letter of September 15th in which you itemize the expenses in connection with the cost of the invitations for the dedicatory service of the Princeton-Hall. I understood from Leslie Yaw that this amount had been paid by him out of the Princeton-Hall Fund. If I am not correct, will you please present him with the bill and he will take care of it.

Let me know if and when anything develops with you in relation to the Northern Light Church.

The Moderator and I landed in Seattle Friday afternoon at five, too late for plane connections. I have not heard whether or not he made his Sunday appointment in Los Angeles. I hope he did.

Thanks again for all of your many thoughtful acts to make my stay profitable and pleasant at Sitka. Regards to your wife and your mother-in-law.

Cordially yours,

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P. S. If you have enough copies of the dedicatory program left over please send one copy to each of the contributors in the States.

ALASKA

October 23, 1941

Rev. Roland B. Lutz
Abington Presbyterian Church
Abington, Pa.

Dear Mr. Lutz:

Your letter of September 2nd addressed to Rev. J. L. Webster has just been received from Mr. Webster.

It was with great joy the PRINCETON-HALL was dedicated on September 21st, and I wish you could have been present to add to the occasion. It was a great experience for those of us who live in Alaska and realize the great service this ship will render to have present not only our beloved Rev. Dr. Everett B. King, but also the Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. Dr. Herbert Booth Smith.

Dr. Smith strangely warmed the hearts of all who heard him in his several addresses in Sitka, and fired his audience with a new enthusiasm for Christ.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of the dedication program.

In another month we hope the PRINCETON-HALL will be launched and soon after that begin her sailing from port to port carrying the Gospel of our Lord. The launching has been delayed because of the difficulty in getting the materials for construction.

May God richly bless her in her missionary task.

Cordially yours,

Willis R. Booth.

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THE LAUNCHING OF THE "PRINCETON-HALL"

Katherine Herring

It was a beautiful and unforgettable sight to see the "Princeton-Hall" launched. One Sheldon Jackson girl exclaimed, "This is a day I'll never forget - even when I'm a grandmother, I'll remember the launching of the 'Princeton-Hall'."

Surely one will never forget the thrill of pride and joy as he/first looked upon the finished vessel, decorated gaily with the blue and gold banners and streamers, a large horse shoe of flowers bedecking the bow as our "Princeton-Hall" stood ready and waiting to be committed to the sea.

The christening ceremony, simple and brief, gave a spirit of reverence and beauty to the occasion. "In the name of our loving Heavenly Father, I christen thee 'Princeton-Hall'." The wife of the shipbuilder spoke these words as she broke over the bow of the boat the bottle of Indian River water blended with the essence of flowers of Cuba, a symbol of the broad expanse of the work for Christ's Kingdom by the National Missions, and a true symbol of Christian unity.

Skipper P.outy, standing on deck between the American flag and the Christian flag, voiced for all assembled our joy and gratitude to God for granting this blessed gift to Alaska: "Father, this is a day of great exultation for us. We thank Thee for it. We thank Thee for this boat with which we desire to do Thy work. We thank Thee for the good workmanship and skill that has been employed in its construction. Do Thou we pray, bless each worker, and bless each effort that has been made in stitch, and nail, and plank, and each mechanical device, that all may be joined together to bring Christ nearer to many lives. And we pray for the Sponsors of the building of this boat, this Christian educational organization, Oh bless it so that its

work and influence may shed light afar. And Father, do Thou guide the 'Princeton-Hall' and protect her from the perils of the sea, and may she bring peace to many troubled souls along the coast of Southeast Alaska. We pray even for the unusual, the supernatural if so it must be, yea Lord, we pray for the miracle if such it should be, that this consecrated ship may be so blessed in doing Thy will that Thou wilt grant its pilots and caretakers such wisdom that it may never suffer serious damage, but serve Thee for many years. These things we ask in the name of Him Who taught us to pray together, saying"....(closing with the Lord's Prayer)

Then came the tense and breathless pause while the crowd stood in silent expectation for that moment when the boat would move from its spurs. Each workmen set about his task with that ease that comes only from long and patient and sound toil, and as the cradle "legs" gave way underneath the vessel, our good ship moved! She seemed to smile and bow gracefully as if she were feeling the "thrill of life along her keel." The crowd seemed a part of the rhythm of motion as each one leaned forward in wonder, watching the boat slide smoothly and softly into the sea.

Then came the hearty shout, the loud and prolonged cheers as the "Princeton-Hall" sailed out into the open harbor, there to be met by her sister ship, the work-boat SJS. The crowd stood long watching this graceful performance.

Standing there in the crowd, one could look about at the faces of the spectators and read there those emotion evoked by the stirring scene. In the eyes of the shipbuilder, of the workmen, of the Sheldon Jackson boys who had had a part in construction, of old Indian fishermen , of the Sheldon Jackson superintendent - in each face could be read pride, joy,

satisfaction, exultation - love for the boat constructed by the hands of Christian Alaskans for Alaska, - a gift conceived and made for the service of our Lord. What a wonderful thought, that so many here in Alaska and so many elsewhere had brought their tribute great or small to help accomplish this task. "There is a dream upon them evermore."

Our Lord did much of his teaching and ministering from boats. "He sat down and taught the people out of the ship." "When He was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him." Truly it is the prayer of us all that the "Princeton-Hall" will bring Christ's love and light to the dark places of Alaska, and we would "praise Hi for His goodness and His wonderful works to the children of men." We know that with Christ as the Pilot, the "Princeton-Hall" will bring many souls "into their desired haven."

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SHELDON JACKSON SCHOOL
Sitka, Alaska

December 4, 1941

Dear Friends:

December 3, 1941, the launching day for the Princeton-Hall, will long be a happy memory for all of us here at S. J. S., for it was a gala day of celebration. At 12:15 during the noon hour the entire school formed a line of march and proceeded from the campus to the Howard Brothers Boat Shop more than a mile through town. We were a joyous, happy group, following our national flag and the Christian flag carried at the head of our parade by two of the older students.

There was a thrilling excitement in the atmosphere at the boat house as we arrived. Mr. Andrew Hope, our Mr. Richard Nelson, and a number of our older boys were just finishing preparations for the launching, at which they had been busily engaged for two and a half days. Promptly at 12:45, as arranged with Mr. Hope, all work stopped for the christening ceremony. The tones of the new Princeton-Hall ship's bell called us to attention. Rev. Verne Swanson led in the opening prayer. Following this the American flag was raised on the starboard bow and the Christian flag on the port bow. Chaplain Culpepper, of Fort Ray on Japonski Island, led in the salute to the American flag, after which we saluted our Christian flag. Then a very brief explanation of the work of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. was given in connection with the contents of the bottle used in the christening. Essence of the fragrant flowers of far away Cuba had been added to the crystal pure water taken from Indian River here in Sitka, most fittingly symbolizing the bond of Christian unity tying the work of National Missions from Cuba, Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo, through 46 states and up into our own Alaska. As Mrs. Hope received this symbol her faith inspired speech was: "In the name of our loving Heavenly Father I christen thee Princeton-Hall." Following this the bottle was sharply broken across the bow, and then as the fragrance of the Cuban flowers filled the air Rev. Paul Prouty concluded our simple ceremony with his prayer of consecration. We had used eight of our allotted ten minutes. Workmen immediately took their stations, the SJS, our school workboat, was manned and standing by, blocks were knocked away, and as a small screw jack moved the ship the first inch, then another, she slipped slowly and majestically out into the channel amid shouts of joy and excitement on the part of all spectators.

The Princeton-Hall now is lying moored along the waterfront, where she will be for the next several weeks as the workmen finish the engine installation, electric wiring, mount the mast and radio antennae, and add other finishing touches. Shortly after the first of the new year "our ship" will be in commission. Then she will leave Sitka with the Rev. Paul Prouty, Sunday School missionary, aboard to begin her great work. For the first two months of operation Rev. Verne Swanson will assist Rev. Prouty.

It has been a great joy and a very special privilege to have had the opportunity of building the Princeton-Hall here in Alaska. We love her with a fondness far deeper and greater than had she been a generous gift outright from our Mother Church. So there is that special feeling of gratitude in having had the joyous privilege of sharing both in the cost and in the building of this fine new vessel so recently christened to carry forward Christ's work. Long may she live to sail for Him in the waters of Southeastern Alaska.

Very truly yours

SHELDON JACKSON SCHOOL

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